GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether twenty one 4000 H.P. Diesel Locomotives have been imported by spending Rs.173.37 crores;

(b) if so, whether there is any decline in the utilization of diesel locos; and

(c) if so, the justification for such import?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. 21 Nos. 4000 H.P. Diesel Electric Freight Locomotives have been imported from M/s General Motors Corporation, USA 20 Nos. of these locomotives have been received during April 1999 and one loco was received in August 1999. The Free − on − Board (FOB) cost of these locomotives was Rs. 183 crore (approx).

(b) There has been no decline in the utilization of diesel Locomotives. On the other hand, there has been steady increase in utilization of diesel locomotives, in terms of the traffic carried by diesel locomotives for both freight and passenger.

(c) Does not arise.